



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st January 2025** **To** **31st December 2025**

Charity name: **Richard Hicks**

Charity registration number: **202543**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To apply clear income toward repair and maintenance of the Parish Church in Towcester and in maintaining divine service there
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Payments totalling £38,446.00 as follows: £28,446.00 to cover part of the Parish Share paid by the Towcester Parochial Church Council for St Lawrence Church (being 80% of income under the calculation method agreed by the Trustees. £10,000.00 towards quinquennial repairs at St Lawrence Church, Towcester. No funds were transferred out of income to the Special Reserve Fund in 2025.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The above payments were deemed by the Trustees to be for public benefit by contributing towards maintenance of the Church and divine service

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The main achievements of the Charity are those identified above and have assisted in maintaining divine service at the Parish Church in Towcester.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	During the year the Charity received income from its COIF investments of £32,311 plus £3,240 being interest from the deposit and special reserve accounts. The total net assets (including Special Reserve) decreased by £47,100 to £1,101,159.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Special Reserve Fund is to provide for future maintenance and improvements to the structure and fixtures and fittings of St Lawrence Church Towcester to which the Trustees decide to contribute, and which cannot be met from the Charity's annual income.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Total Net Assets in Special Reserve Fund as at 31/12/25 of £112,730.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charity Commissioners' Scheme
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	RICHARD HICKS
Other name the charity uses	-
Registered charity number	202543
Charity's principal address	27 Kipling Drive Towcester Northants NN12 6QY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Grahame Blanchard	Secretary		
Alan Gilbert			
Mrs Christine Linda Johns			Nominative Trustee appointed by the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Towcester
Brian William John Manning	Vice-Chairman		
Rev Paula Ella Challen			Ex-officio Trustee in the capacity as the incumbent of the Benefice of Towcester, Caldecote, Easton Neston, Greens Norton and Bradden
Phillip Mansell			
Dr John Robert Sunderland	Chairman		
Peter John Morris			Nominative Trustee appointed by the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Towcester

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

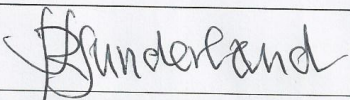
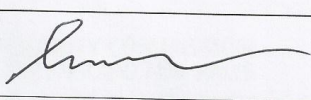
Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JOHN ROBERT SUNDERLAND	GRAHAME BLANCHARD
Position	CHAIRMAN & TRUSTEE	SECRETARY & TRUSTEE
Date	14/04/26	14/04/26



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Independent Examiner's Report

Section A

Report to the trustees/
members of

On accounts for the year
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Respective
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It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

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 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signed:

Name:

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
Address:

	Date:	24 th FEBRUARY 2026
MICHAEL BACON		
3 GREENVIEW DRIVE, TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS NN12 6 DL		

Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st. December, 2025

General Account

	<u>Payments (£)</u>	<u>Receipts (£)</u>	<u>Total (£) 2025</u>	<u>Total (£) 2024</u>
Opening Balance			39,767.09	34,735.20
Transfers to Lloyds Bank	(38,446.00)		(38,446.00)	(28,045.00)
Transfer to Special Reserve	(0.00)		(0.00)	(0.00)
Interest from Deposit Fund		1,328.78	1,328.78	1,502.95
Income from Investments		32,311.17	32,311.17	31,573.94
Closing Balance			34,961.04	39,767.09

Special Reserve Account

	<u>Payments (£)</u>	<u>Receipts (£)</u>	<u>Total (£) 2025</u>	<u>Total (£) 2024</u>
Opening Balance			44,718.17	42,538.69
Transfer from General Account		0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer to Lloyds Bank	0.00		0.00	0.00
Special Reserve Interest		1,911.18	1,911.18	2,179.48
Closing Balance			46,629.35	44,718.17

Lloyds Bank

	<u>Payments (£)</u>	<u>Receipts (£)</u>	<u>Total (£) 2025</u>	<u>Total (£) 2024</u>
Opening Balance			210.99	210.99
Transfers from General Account		38,446.00	38,446.00	28,045.00
Hire of Meeting Room	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Maintenance of Church Services	(28,446.00)		(28,446.00)	(28,045.00)
Expenses	(0.00)		(0.00)	(0.00)
Fixed wire electrical test	(0.00)		(0.00)	(0.00)
Bellringers	(0.00)		(0.00)	(0.00)
Church roof	(0.00)		(0.00)	(0.00)
Crypt fan	(0.00)		(0.00)	(0.00)
Quinquennial	(10,000.00)		(10,000.00)	(0.00)
Closing Balance			210.99	210.99

INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

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November	Income from COIF Investment Income Fund	6,927.17	6,689.12
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	Interest from COIF Special Reserve	174.19	186.19
February	Interest from COIF Deposit Account	154.83	152.23
	Interest from COIF Special Reserve	174.11	186.42
March	Interest from COIF Deposit Account	137.60	143.46
	Interest from COIF Special Reserve	153.64	174.36
April	Interest from COIF Deposit Account	179.15	186.12
	Interest from COIF Special Reserve	168.04	186.51
May	Interest from COIF Deposit Account	91.13	129.31
	Interest from COIF Special Reserve	161.38	180.43
June	Interest from COIF Deposit Account	73.28	66.89
	Interest from COIF Special Reserve	162.41	187.32
July	Interest from COIF Deposit Account	95.80	96.66
	Interest from COIF Special Reserve	155.17	181.11
August	Interest from COIF Deposit Account	98.38	99.95
	Interest from COIF Special Reserve	159.37	187.31
September	Interest from COIF Deposit Account	84.26	99.56
	Interest from COIF Special Reserve	155.00	182.66
October	Interest from COIF Deposit Account	85.05	125.06
	Interest from COIF Special Reserve	148.31	175.94
November	Interest from COIF Deposit Account	87.45	128.52
	Interest from COIF Special Reserve	152.50	180.81
December	Interest from COIF Deposit Account	86.93	123.14
	Interest from COIF Special Reserve	147.06	170.42
		3,239.96	3,682.43

RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

	<u>General Account</u>	<u>Special Reserve</u>	<u>Lloyds Bank</u>	<u>Total (£) 2025</u>	<u>Total (£) 2024</u>
Opening Balances	39,767.09	44,718.17	210.99	84,696.25	77,484.88
Transfers Out	(38,446.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(38,446.00)	(28,045.00)
Payments	0.00	0.00	(38,446.00)	(38,446.00)	(28,045.00)
Interest	1,328.78	1,911.18	0.00	3,239.96	3,682.43
Investment Income	32,311.17	0.00	0.00	32,311.17	31,573.94
Transfers In	0.00	0.00	38,446.00	38,446.00	28,045.00
Closing Balances	34,961.04	46,629.35	210.99	81,801.38	84,696.25

Schedule of COIF Investments and their values at 31st December 2025

	<u>Total (£) 2025</u>	<u>Total (£) 2024</u>
47,609.39 units in Investment Income Fund	919,904	966,152
92,861.00 units in Property Fund	99,454	97,411
Total	1,019,358	1,063,563

There were no purchase or sale transactions conducted during 2025.

Summary of acquisitions in COIF Investments:

Initial purchase of units on closure of HSBC Investments in November 2000.

Investment Income Fund

30/11/2000 48,494.39 units purchased for £551,315 (General Account)
27/10/2005 5,233.25 units sold for £ 50,000 (General Account)
28/09/2017 3,483.95 units purchased for £ 50,220 (General Account)
28/09/2017 864.30 units purchased for £ 12,458 (Special Reserve)

Total **47,609.39** **£563,993 (Special Reserve = 1.82% of units)**

Property Fund

27/10/2005 38,250.05 units purchased for £ 50,000 (General Account)
31/03/2006 8,525.29 units purchased for £ 11,700 (General Account)
26/03/2015 17,705.38 units purchased for £ 20,000 (Special Reserve)
28/09/2017 28,380.28 units purchased for £ 33,750 (Special Reserve)

Total **92,861.00** **£115,450 (Special Reserve = 49.63% of units)**

RICHARD HICKS CHARITY

Balance Sheet as at 31st. December, 2025

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Special Reserve</u>	<u>Total (£) 2025</u>	<u>Total (£) 2024</u>
Fixed Assets				
Investments (Notes 1)	953,257.00	66,101.00	1,019,358.00	<i>1,063,563.00</i>
Total Fixed Assets	953,257.00	66,101.00	1,019,358.00	<i>1,063,563.00</i>
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank (Lloyds)	210.99	0.00	210.99	<i>210.99</i>
Bank Deposits (COIF)	34,961.04	46,629.35	81,590.39	<i>84,485.26</i>
Total Current Assets	35,172.03	46,629.35	81,801.38	<i>84,696.25</i>
Current Liabilities				
Amounts falling due in less than one year (Note 2)	0.00	0.00	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>
Net Current Assets	35,172.03	46,629.35	81,801.38	<i>84,696.25</i>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	988,429.03	112,730.35	1,101,159.38	<i>1,148,259.25</i>
Amounts falling due after more than one year	0.00	0.00	0.00	<i>0.00</i>
Total Net Assets	988,429.03	112,730.35	1,101,159.38	<i>1,148,259.25</i>

Note 1. Valuation as per CCLA mid-market value at 31/12/2025.

Note 2. No amounts fell due in less than one year as at 31/12/2024 or 31/12/2025.

RICHARD HICKS CHARITY

Statement of Financial Activity Year ended 31st. December, 2025

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Special Reserve</u>	<u>Total (£) 2025</u>	<u>Total (£) 2024</u>
Incoming Resources				
Deposit Interest	1,328.78	1,911.18	3,239.96	3,682.43
COIF Investments	32,311.17	0.00	32,311.17	31,573.94
From General Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	<u>33,639.95</u>	<u>1,911.18</u>	<u>35,551.13</u>	<u>35,256.37</u>
Outgoing Payments				
Funding for Bellringers	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Church electrical test	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Repairs to church roof	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Quinquennial	(10,000.00)	(0.00)	(10,000.00)	(0.00)
Maintenance of Church Services				
Organist's Honorarium	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Upkeep of Services	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Administration Expenses	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Church Cleaning	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Church Ins + utilities	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Parish Share	(28,446.00)	(0.00)	(28,446.00)	(28,045.00)
Administration				
Reimbursement of costs	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Stationery/photocopying	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Hire of Meeting Room	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Total Payments	<u>(38,446.00)</u>	<u>(0.00)</u>	<u>(38,446.00)</u>	<u>(28,045.00)</u>
To Special Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COIF Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Movement in resources	<u>(4,806.05)</u>	<u>1,911.18</u>	<u>(2,894.87)</u>	<u>7,211.37</u>
Add current assets b/fwd from previous year	39,978.08	44,718.17	84,696.25	77,484.88
Total current assets at 31.12.2025	<u>35,172.03</u>	<u>46,629.35</u>	<u>81,801.38</u>	<u>84,696.25</u>

NB Maintenance of Church Services takes into account the agreed calculation method based on Parish Share only.



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RICHARD HICKS CHARITY

Balance Sheet as at 31st. December, 2025

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Special Reserve</u>	<u>Total (£) 2025</u>	<u>Total (£) 2024</u>
Fixed Assets				
Investments (Notes 1)	953,257.00	66,101.00	1,019,358.00	1,063,563.00
Total Fixed Assets	953,257.00	66,101.00	1,019,358.00	1,063,563.00
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank (Lloyds)	210.99	0.00	210.99	210.99
Bank Deposits (COIF)	34,961.04	46,629.35	81,590.39	84,485.26
Total Current Assets	35,172.03	46,629.35	81,801.38	84,696.25
Current Liabilities				
Amounts falling due in less than one year (Note 2)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Current Assets	35,172.03	46,629.35	81,801.38	84,696.25
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	988,429.03	112,730.35	1,101,159.38	1,148,259.25
Amounts falling due after more than one year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Net Assets	988,429.03	112,730.35	1,101,159.38	1,148,259.25

Note 1. Valuation as per CCLA mid-market value at 31/12/2025.

Note 2. No amounts fell due in less than one year as at 31/12/2024 or 31/12/2025.

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Statement of Financial Activity Year ended 31st. December, 2025

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Special Reserve</u>	<u>Total (£) 2025</u>	<u>Total (£) 2024</u>
Incoming Resources				
Deposit Interest	1,328.78	1,911.18	3,239.96	3,682.43
COIF Investments	32,311.17	0.00	32,311.17	31,573.94
From General Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	<u>33,639.95</u>	<u>1,911.18</u>	<u>35,551.13</u>	<u>35,256.37</u>
Outgoing Payments				
Funding for Bellringers	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Church electrical test	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Repairs to church roof	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Quinquennial	(10,000.00)	(0.00)	(10,000.00)	(0.00)
Maintenance of Church Services				
Organist's Honorarium	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Upkeep of Services	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Administration Expenses	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Church Cleaning	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Church Ins + utilities	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Parish Share	(28,446.00)	(0.00)	(28,446.00)	(28,045.00)
Administration				
Reimbursement of costs	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Stationery/photocopying	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Hire of Meeting Room	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Total Payments	<u>(38,446.00)</u>	<u>(0.00)</u>	<u>(38,446.00)</u>	<u>(28,045.00)</u>
To Special Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COIF Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Movement in resources	<u>(4,806.05)</u>	<u>1,911.18</u>	<u>(2,894.87)</u>	<u>7,211.37</u>
Add current assets b/fwd from previous year	39,978.08	44,718.17	84,696.25	77,484.88
Total current assets at 31.12.2025	<u>35,172.03</u>	<u>46,629.35</u>	<u>81,801.38</u>	<u>84,696.25</u>

NB Maintenance of Church Services takes into account the agreed calculation method based on Parish Share only.